

System (MIS) Standardized Data Collection and Reporting of Drug Testing Materials (October 22, 1999, 64 FR 57183). No comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow the public an additional 30 days from the date of this notice to send in their comments.

RSPA believes that its drug testing requirements are an important tool for operators to monitor drug usage in the industry. RSPA has found that drug use in the pipeline industry is less than 1% of employees.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 3, 2000 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments should identify the docket number of this notice, RSPA-98-4957, and be mailed directly to Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, ATTN: RSPA Desk Officer, 726 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Fell, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-6205 or by electronic mail at marvin.fell@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Management Information System (MIS) Standardized Data Collection and Reporting of Drug Testing Materials.

OMB Number: 2137-0579.

Type of Request: Extension of an existing information collection.

Abstract: Drug abuse is a major societal problem and it is reasonable to assume the problem exists in the pipeline industry as it does in society as a whole. The potential harmful effect of drug abuse on safe pipeline operations warrants imposing comprehensive drug testing regulations on the pipeline industry. These rules are found in 49 CFR 199. These regulations require annual information collection of the results of the drug testing program.

Respondents: Pipeline operators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,419.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 8,264.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

[Docket RSPA-98-4957; Notice 17]

Notice of Extension of Existing Information Collection

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Request for OMB approval and public comments.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Research and Special Programs Administration's (RSPA) published its intention to renew an existing information collection in support of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) for Management Information

Comments are invited on: (a) The need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

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